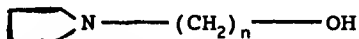


~~13.~~ A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically active quantity of a water soluble salt of diclofenac and a cyclic organic base having the formula



wherein n is 2, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

~~14.~~ The composition of claim ~~13~~, wherein a quantity of the salt of diclofenac and said cyclic organic base corresponding to 10-200 mg of diclofenac per unit dosage is present.

~~15.~~ The composition of claim ~~13~~, wherein said composition is in granular form and is packaged in a water-impermeable sachet.

REMARKS

Claims 12-15 are pending herein. Claims 1-11 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of new claims 12-15, which have been added hereby.

Examiner Northington is thanked for the courtesies extended during a March 22, 1989 telephonic interview with applicants' representatives. During the interview, Examiner Northington indicated that claims 12 and 14, as presented in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed March 16, 1989, which was not entered in this application, would be allowable if re-submitted to exclude the feature "n is 3." Accordingly, applicants have cancelled claims 1-11 and have presented new claims 12 and 13 which correspond exactly to claims 12 and 14 presented in the March 17, 1989 Amendment After Final Rejection, with the exception of the "n is 3" feature. New claims 14 and 15 correspond exactly in subject matter to cancelled claims 9 and 10.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cancellation of claims 1-11 in favor of new claims 12-15, taken in conjunction with the agreement reached with Examiner Northington during the

March 22, 1989 telephonic interview, overcomes all grounds of rejection stated in the October 24, 1988 Final Rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicants also enclose herewith a Notice of Appeal to ensure consideration of this Supplemental Amendment After Final Rejection and to preserve the pendency of this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that this patent application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner Northington is requested to promptly issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Should Examiner Northington deem that any further action by the applicants would be desirable in placing this application in even better condition for issue, she is urged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative.

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